# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Smith Jerry D.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHENIERE ENERGY INC [LNG]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  VP & Chief Accounting Officer						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 700 MILAM ST., SUITE 800			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2010											
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					_X_ Form fil	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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(City	y) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned													
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		following (s)	Ownership Form:	Beneficial	
				(Month/Day/Year)	Code	V	Amour	(A) or (D)	Price	Ì	(I)		or Indirect	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock		01/18/2010		F		234	D	\$ 3.16	20,596	20,596		D		
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### **Reporting Owners**

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Smith Jerry D. 700 MILAM ST. SUITE 800 HOUSTON, TX 77002			VP & Chief Accounting Officer				

# **Signatures**

Anne V. Vaughan under POA by Jerry D. Smith	01/19/2010
Signature of Reporting Person	Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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